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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** Deer on north end of Manti are struggling, maybe need to look at separating the giant Manti unit into north and south and manage separately? Overall I agree, but north end is struggling.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?** From the cuts on the Manti, please cut from North Manti!!

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?**

I spend a great deal of time on the Manti, Range creek, and wasatch Avintaquin units. Over the past 3-5 years the amount of predators i have seen on the range creek unit is becoming alarming. the last time i floated desolation canyon i saw more mountain lions than i did deer. If you understand how elusive a mountain lion is then seeing three of them in five days is a lot. That area is tough to hunt and those lions are also hunting the elk and sheep in that area. I support reducing predators.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?**

This will be a great opportunity for a unique hunt and solve the problem with these buffalo. I spend a great amount of time on this mountain and can personally tell you there are some other areas that a few loan bulls spend there summers. I would think the revenue this brings in will make it well worth the effort. One added thing that may be needed in following years is if someone purchased the tag and didn't fill it during the year, then the following year the get another tag at half the cost. Just thinking if the weather doesn't drive them and lots of dedicated sportsman don't fill the tag they may lose interest the following years. need an incentive to bring them back. And maybe it doesn't matter?

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?**

The age objectives need to be increased slightly. A 2-3 year old antelope? and a 4 year old moose? On the deer for premium units the guys willing to put in for those want an old deer. Offer a "first buck hunt" for a two point buck for 12-16 year old youth to help control the number of bucks on these units. But we need to allow for an older deer premium tag. The ratio doesn't help the mature deer on a unit.

Then charge a higher fee for the chance at these older bucks. The amount of revenue from some premium units would offset the "sell as many as possible for the revenue" mentality and allow for some deer to actually become desired again. Same thing for the elk. Utah has gone from a state with trophy potential for many of the tag holders to good luck on finding a bull worth shooting. Your about to lose a cash cow by killing everything young.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?**

Nine mile unit doesn't have 70 deer on the public land. Reduce the antlerless tags more than that  
I can agree to the majority of the rest

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April 2020 RAC feedback (Southeastern Region)  
April 4, 2020 5:19 pm

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?**

To: Members of the Regional Advisory Counsel's

Utah Wild Sheep Foundation has reviewed, on a unit by unit basis, the DWR recommendations for Bighorn Sheep ("BHS") permits for the 2020 season. As an organization, we are excited about the overall increase in permit numbers and believe it reflects the hard work and commitment made to BHS recovery by the DWR and related sportsmen/conservation groups. We also understand and support the need to reduce permit numbers on certain units, as necessary, in order to maintain age objectives, overall population health and quality hunting experiences for these much sought after hunting permits.

We would like to express our concern in regards to several units in the state that we consider "recovering" populations. These populations of both Desert and California Bighorn have all suffered catastrophic disease events, which resulted in substantial declines in overall population and resultant permit numbers. The limited hunting opportunities that remain have been very difficult, at best, with substantial financial and time commitments required, in very difficult terrain, to have a reasonable opportunity for harvest. As these populations recover, we feel it is appropriate to have a more conservative approach in respect to increased permit numbers, in order to ensure continued population recovery and quality hunting opportunities.

- San Juan subunits-last year there were 3 permits issued with 1 successfully filled. There are 5 permits being recommended for 2020.
- Dirty Devil-last year there were 2 permits issued and there are 6 permits being recommended for 2020. Although both hunters were successful in 2019, they hunted with extremely knowledgeable guides and spent considerable time afield. There has also been a consistent decrease in the age class of rams harvested on this unit, over the past 4 years.
- Stansbury Mtns-last year there were 3 permits issued and there are 5 permits being recommended for 2020. This unit is well under population objective and has been supplemented by transplant for the last 3 years.

Additionally, as one of the organizations that participated in updating the Statewide BHS management plan in 2018, we believe the permit recommendations were set as more of a guideline rather than hard numbers and want to reiterate our support for giving the DWR flexibility in determining appropriate permit numbers.

In conclusion, we would like to thank the DWR and its personnel for their continued commitment to BHS management and recovery throughout the State of Utah.

Respectfully, Utah WSF

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**After viewing the presentation about the changes to the cougar and bear rule by Darren Debloois:** I oppose the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?** We've gone entirely too far on the slaughter of lions and bears. We've been at this agenda for quite some time and we still aren't seeing positive results. It's time to manage the ungulates properly and quit blaming the predators for the states mismanagement.

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I oppose the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?** The access issue will be a nightmare. The access for dates during the fall already sells out the day it is opened online. Better planning and accommodations for access between DWR and U of U/BLM needs to be worked out before opening up this trainwreck of an idea. Not against the hunting opportunity but let's not create such a disaster without working out the details first.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** Any unit in which lion quotas were increased under emergency status should have a corresponding decrease in deer and elk tags. If a quota was increases by 50% there should be a 50% decrease in deer tags. If there is truly a problem then all users should sacrifice equally.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?** There should be absolutely 0 cow elk tags given on the Bookcliffs. The herd is destroyed and killing off what little breeding stock is left is not going to help. It's becoming more and more apparent every year that the Bookcliffs management is about tag sales rather than herd health. 10-15 years ago the herd was doing great. What things have changed since then and why?

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**Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?** I would still like to see more lion tags...

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** Either divide the Central Manti to South and North or get more aggressive!! There is not a quality deer herd on Ferron Mountain specifically. It is premium habitat and at one time had great quality and quantity of deer. To not do a decrease in tags is confusing. If you are basing the management plan off of the entire Manti, then like I said, split the unit or shut part of the unit down. The south end is hurting and you're still doing nothing about it.

I DO NOT support the 28 tag increase for elk.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?**

The problem with managing cougars is how expensive it is to harvest one. Hiring someone with dogs is too expensive. A strategy that may need some thought would be if the state were to cover the cost of hiring dogs or cover a portion of that cost. You could increase the application fee or take from expo money to cover this cost. I see this as the only way to really manage cougars. The majority of people will not pay this cost for a cougar. If the state were to offer a portion of tags where the tag came with a houndmen, then you'd see a lot more people applying and the cougar population managed better. In my opinion, this would be a better use of money and have a better effect on the wildlife than some of the projects that the money currently goes too.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?**

Giving way too many cougar tags now, the sudden dramatic increase is reckless and shows poor management practices! I would be okay with it if the number of deer permits issued reflected the cougar by dramatically reducing deer permits. The reduction proposed is a joke compared to cougar tag increases. The only units I can see adding tags to would be Zion, due to the dropping sheep population, pauns, and Henry's also to protect the premium deer hunting. Unfortunately Henry's was one of the only units that didnt get a tag increase for mtn lion. Manti however had a huge increase with almost no change to deer permits. This makes no sence and has alot of hunter pissed off.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?**

Great plan to allow this hunt however it's a terrible mistake to take points away from those who purchase a tag. This will undoubtedly deter hundreds of tag sales. A much better option would be to have it take points if your successful in harvesting a buffalo. Lots of negatives to taking points, namely it will deter almost all who most desire to harvest a bison, those that are currently applying for them. Zero downside for the guys applying for sheep to get a freebie olt tag. Huge downside for those with 10+ bison points

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?**

The elk in the manti are steadily going down hill, adding that many more tags is going to wipe them out. Being an extremely accessible unit and having had such a large portion of the unit burned recently to allow easy glassing literally every mature bull is getting killed giving a false reading of the age of elk on the unit. I also believe a much larger cut to the deer tags is needed to make any noticeable difference in herd quality.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** Your losing a lot of money by cutting 9000 plus tags, I think the wild life would benefit more if you changed it to the animal being a 3 point or better. It seems like Utah is more In it for the money than anything. So losing that much money that can go back into the herd doesn't make much sense.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** Why are we not reducing deer tag numbers on the Manti? The 3 yr average is at 15 bucks which I find hard to believe. ( I would put it more in the 12-13 bucks) the bottom of the 15-17 buck to doe ratio. We should reduce the tags on the Manti and try and let the numbers rebound a little bit rather then keep knocking them down. The Manti has a lot more carrying capacity for deer so lets use it and grow some deer for a change rather then killing them all.

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April 2020 RAC feedback (Southeastern Region)  
April 7, 2020 3:38 pm

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?** We can't increase Deer and Elk numbers by killing antlerless animals.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?**

I have guided river tips and hunted on my personal time in Desolation Canyon for 15 years. I have encountered bison on many occasions and I have a firm understanding of where and when they congregate. I've watched their numbers grow to concerning levels and I echo the concerns outlined in the presentation. I support the proposal, however I believe that when these permits become available an emphasis will need to be placed on hunters using extreme caution when utilizing river access. My concern is that the permits will attract hunters who have no knowledge of the dangers in Desolation Canyon. Additionally, the bison come into Three Canyon in late fall/early winter which is when the ice dam dangers are highest. Having experience with the ice dams in that area I am aware of the extreme dangers. Under ideal conditions Desolation Canyon presents many hazards to unknowing boaters and the hazards are compounded in late fall by cold weather.

I absolutely support the proposal and I believe my concerns and others are easily addressed with an online orientation course or some other method. This is a great opportunity with positive ecological and potential fiscal benefits.

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April 8, 2020 12:12 pm

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**Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?**

I do not favor what is happening with predator management. We are already seeing the director allowing changes in permit numbers not consistent with management needs. In reviewing data from deer studies going on currently, we are not seeing a high loss of fawns or adult does. This is recent data obtained from the study being conducted by BYU. The study does not support the killing of more cougars, but the director is caving to special interests and increasing tags on many units. The passage of the Albrecht bill allows for the director to increase permits WHEN cougars or bears ARE proven to be a detriment to herds, but the current data from BYU is not supporting the increases on the amount of units we are seeing increases imposed. The BYU information is available at <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1UHbOGJN3mmxGjxy7kstQ1FJ3gRAi26kW>

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for managing predatory wildlife species?**

The biology of management is being removed with this effort. This is a knee jerk reaction to cater to some special interests at the expense of sound biology in predator management. Same as above.

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:**

I oppose the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?**

Time will tell whether this is going to reduce or solve the problems with bison on private ground causing damage to resources. Hopefully the landowners will see some benefits, but the introduction of bison on the Bookcliffs is proving to be a questionable decision

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?**

The Bookcliffs spike elk hunt needs to end. As a hunter of the Bookcliffs and an outfitter who lives in Green River Utah I have years of experience and observations there., I spend all year and especially each fall on the unit and have done so for the past 30 years, I strongly disagree with the spike hunt. The reduction of mature bulls is alarming. The elk herd is not at objective and allowing some more mature bulls to be on the units does not compromise the forage available. We are harvesting more spike elk than can be sustained to keep a healthy mature bull herd. The reduction each year of mature bull hunting to allow for spike elk hunting is not an opportunity improvement for a hunter who chooses to hunt a mature bull on a unit such as the roadless Bookcliffs who many dream of the backcountry hunt. Spike elk hunts should be on units at herd objective and not on units that are under overall population objectives. The Bookcliffs is the area Utah is struggling to manage a healthy elk herd and continuing the spike hunt is compromising the unit. The argument that the spike hunt is an opportunity for families to get together to hunt is not what I see on the spike elk hunt. It is much more made up of adults males and not wives and kids, especially the roadless portion.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?**

I oppose the high number of cow elk tags on the Bookcliffs. I understand the DWR is attempting to gather teeth samples on cow elk harvested to gain information on the two Bookcliff units, but the cow elk tags, especially the Littlecreek roadless portion is way to many for the amount of cow elk on the unit. I would ask the cow tags be cut in half, still allowing data to be collected, but in a much more rational way. The elk herd is struggling and increasing cow harvest is not going to help the unit recover.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?** I'm familiar with back country of the Range Creek area. Understanding the complex jurisdictions of the Ute Tribe and private lands on Range Valley Mountain I feel the over the counter once in a lifetime tage is the best option available and hope the RAC and board will support the proposal.

I have one concern. An August 1 season date would see temperatures in the 90 degree range and higher. Being an experience back country Hunter, and understanding the rough remote nature of the unit, I feel harvesting bison this time of year would make it extremely difficult to salvage meat. I would recommend a October 1 start date.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** I have reservations about late limited entry muzzleloader deer tags being issued on general deer units where general tags are being cut due to unit not meeting, or expected to not meet buck/doe ratio objective.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the changes to the cougar and bear rule?**

We need a back up plan for areas or units where Houndsmen are not able or willing to harvest recommended harvest objectives.  
Possible regulated gps located trapping with gps catch indicators after march 1st. With proper cougar capable approved trapping equipment. This would allow for better control in areas like 9 mile where large canyons with steep ledge systems restrict Houndsmen and hunters from safely accessing thus they just don't enter and harvest from those areas. Trapping or Helicopter cougar control would help with these objectives.Thanks

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I support the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for managing predatory wildlife species?**

Trapping procedure as previously stated.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?**

Open bull permit numbers should adjust to a 15% success rate. Permit numbers should drop below 12000 if harvest is below 15% and adjust higher above 12000 if it is above 15% An 11% harvest rate is extremely poor. General season hunters deserve a better hunt possibility on both deer and elk hunts.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?**

As a practicing wildlife biologist, I strongly support this bison management proposal for a number of reasons. First, it represents "outside the box" reasoning and a creative management response to a pervasive problem that is also well-matched to the multiple management constraints in the area. Second, it also provides a truly unique hunt opportunity for an iconic western species that many hunters may never otherwise have the opportunity to experience.

Third, this is potentially a significant revenue-generator for the DWR, particularly the non-resident tag sales. This hunt is akin to Montana's over-the-counter sheep hunt--a highly sought, iconic species hunt opportunity via OTC tag sales--there's nothing like it for bison anywhere. Period. This will attract a lot of interest and tag sales, but the difficult access and rough terrain, coupled with the narrow window of opportunity in the late fall will self-limit success rates, which is precisely why there is no need for a drawing or limitation of tags in this case. I'm sure there will be plenty of locals calling for "resident-only" opportunity, but this would be a terribly short-sighted approach and would limit both revenues and success rates significantly.

I would strongly caution against opening this season prior to October 1, mainly because meat spoilage is a distinct possibility given the remote, difficult access and the sheer size of these animals. By default, the vast majority of sportsmen have absolutely no concept of how large these animals are, and only those who are well-prepared with pack animals ( or who get extremely lucky with a kill near an access point) have any hope of successfully salvaging all of the meat and getting back to the trailhead even with favorably cool weather. The heat encountered in this area through September makes an early season start impractical.

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** Generally I support the proposal with this exception: I strongly oppose the late-season muzzleloader deer tags on the general units. I oppose this for several reasons. First, Utah does not limit muzzleloaders to traditional weapons that have inherent limitations. Let's be honest: new in-line technology, the use of scopes, black powder substitutes, and a wide range of sabots and conical bullets make modern muzzleloaders quite comparable to modern smokeless powder rifle cartridges. What you are proposing here is akin to Colorado's 4th rifle season--a chance to hunt the oldest, best bucks in the unit during their most vulnerable time during the year with a highly-accurate, long-range weapon. Like Colorado, you will see a very high success rate on older-age class bucks if you implement this strategy, which will be great for a handful of hunters for a couple of years, and then the units will suffer a loss of quality. This has been done elsewhere and the evidence is clear--it's not sustainable. Don't do it.

Second, it sets a terrible precedent that is very difficult to reverse. For example, in Colorado units offering these late-season tags, the demand and outcry to keep these seasons is overwhelming, even after the quality disappears, the age-class has been dramatically reduced and the herds are not performing to management expectations. I strongly caution you NOT to attempt re-inventing the wheel in this case. Learn from the failures of neighboring states and don't repeat their mistakes.

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the changes to the cougar and bear rule by Darren Debloois:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** Do not ever shoot a doe, or a cow. If you do your idiots. How much more are you going to deplete the population? You've ruined the deer hunt, there're no deer. You are ruining the Elk population as well.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?** Don't shoot cows!!!

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I oppose the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?** Don't shot the ones without the horns, their the ones that have the babies in case you forgot. How much more are you going to ruin the hunts?

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** We have sent an individual letter to each of the Southeastern RAC members and the Wildlife Board members outlining our specific opposition and desired actions to be taken. Thank you.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for managing predatory wildlife species?** Predators have been blamed for low deer numbers for over 25 years. It may be time to manage the apex predator, man and all the technology available for him to use.  
The problem is much more complex than just predators. I think it is time to stop using predators as a scape goat. Remove the politics, remove the opinions, remove the propoganda, remove the hysteria and return to science. Return to allowing the biologists to manage without fear of retribution when they don't conform to the political opinions of a legislator, a wildlife group, a big game board member, or any group or person.  
Thank you for all the hard working people at the division. You have a tough job.

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:** I oppose the proposal

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